Task Force to examine education related issues

4400. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to provide higher education and has given a mandate to the task force that has been set up to examine a wide range of education-related issues;

(b) if so, whether the Task Force has been asked to examine student-related issues, including commercialization of education, expansion of professional education and the impact of inflation on recipients of scholarships;

(c) whether the Task Force has submitted its interim report to Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how many of its suggestions have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) The Government has constituted a Task Force on 26th February, 2003, under the Chairmanship of Shri Anand Sarup, Former Secretary (Education), Government of India, to examine various issues affecting the student community, including, *inter-alia*,commercialisation of education and ways of curbing the same through measures like rationalization of fee structure in various courses in the country, impact of inflation on recipients of scholarship and possibility of linking scholarships to the price index, and expansion of professional education. The Task Force is required to submit its recommendations within six months from the date of its constitution.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Working procedure of Central Hindi Directorate

†4401. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the working procedure of Central Hindi Directorate and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, as appeared in the media;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.